

CONGRESSMAN **JESSE L. JACKSON JR.**  
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**PRESIDENT TOUTS NEW JOBS, AUTO INDUSTRY IN THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CD**

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Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., welcomed President Barack Obama as he visited the Ford Motor Co.'s retooled South Side assembly plant today. The all-new 2011 Ford Explorer will be built at the plant. Congressman Jackson's wife, Alderman Sandi Jackson, also attended, along with hundreds of Ford employees and several Illinois leaders.

Ford, the largest employer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, will add a second shift and 1,200 new jobs at the plant at 126<sup>th</sup> Street and Torrence Avenue. A \$400-million upgrade of the historic factory -- originally built by Henry Ford -- was aided by state tax credits and a loan from the U.S. Department of Energy. The new energy efficient Explorer features more seating and 30 percent better gas mileage.

"The impact here is much more than 1,200 new jobs," Congressman Jackson said. "Every new job at this assembly plants creates 10 more related jobs elsewhere."

The new Explorer, which will hit the streets later this year, will be marketed in 90 countries.

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